



Friends of Hanover Music & Theater



Holiday Newsletter

December 2018- January 2019

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 1: Santa arrives at the John Curtis Library. Carols by Hanover Girl Scouts and music by the Pride of Hanover Marching band. Festivities begin at 2:15, Santa arrives at 3.

Dec. 11: HMS Band Winter Concert, (Gr. 6-8) HMS, 7pm

Dec. 13-15: Little Shop of Horrors, HHS

Dec 17: Center/Sylvester Gr. 4 Winter Concert, 7pm HHS Auditorium

Dec. 19: HMS Winter Chorus Concert, 7pm.

Dec. 20: Cedar School Holiday Concert for families of Cedar School students. 9am for grades K-2 and 9:30 am for grades 3-4.

Dec. 20: High School Holiday Pops concert @ HHS auditorium. Concert band and all choruses will perform beginning at 7pm.

Jan. 18: HMS Performance Troupe Winter Jam. 2:30 – 4pm

Jan 25: Friends of Hanover Music Winter Gala at Laura's Center for the Arts. Food, fun, prizes and MUSIC!

Sounds of the Season...



It's hard to believe that the first term is already behind us and the holiday season is quickly approaching.

Amidst all the parties and shopping and baking and other holiday preparations, it's important to take time to relax, de-stress and actually enjoy the holiday season.

What better way than to take a few hours off and listen to our children act, sing, and play music? Immerse yourself in beautiful music. Allow yourself to be transported to another world through a dramatic or musical production.

Watching your child or grandchild or neighbor take the stage can epitomize the one word that sums up the holiday season: JOY!





SCHOOL NOTES



HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Julienne Thornell, Director

One of the highlights from the fall was when the 8th Grade Band, and select 7th Band members, performed at the Veterans Day assembly in November. Selections performed included *The Star Spangled Banner*, as well as patriotic and military pieces. The ceremony was a wonderful way to honor our guests, and all veterans.



In 5th grade, our beginners have continued working with their first few notes, and for their lucky friends and family, have even been able to play Baby Shark. There will be a 5th grade band performance for friends & family sometime in January, the date is still TBD.

Right now the bands in grades 6-8 are preparing for a Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 11. We hope you can join us! Some of the pieces to be performed: Deck the Halls with Chips & Salsa, Snow, A Marshmallow World, and Good King Wenceslas. Also, for anyone who is able to download a free sleigh bells app on their device, there will be audience participation for the

song, "iJingle". Everyone can play along!

Coming up in 2019! 7th & 8th band students were once again invited to perform at a Providence Bruins game. Participating students will play at both intermissions during the March 22nd game. It's going to be a fun event, especially since it's supposed to be Star Wars night at PBruins, and we look forward to having friends and family join us as well.

Events

December 8: Jr. District Auditions

December 11: Winter Concert, 7:00pm (grades 6-8)

February 2: S.E.M.S.B.A. Auditions

March 22: Providence Bruins performance

May 14: Band Spring Concert, 7:00pm (grades 6-8)

HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL MUSIC

John Schumacher, Director

The HMS Performance Troupe performed at this year's Turkey Trot on Weds. Nov. 21st. The group performed "Blown Away" by Carrie Underwood, which featured singers **Mary Elliott**, **Emma McCormick** and **Kylie Handrahan**. The Troupe is now in rehearsals preparing for January's Winter Jam. This show features the troupe performing several numbers and also highlights students from each grade displaying their talent! See everyone in January!

CEDAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Anne Thornton, Music Director

The annual Cedar School Holiday Concert will take place at 9am Wednesday December 19th for Cedar students and faculty and Thursday December 20th for families. The concert time for the Thursday parent/guardians concert begins at 9 am for grades K-2 and continuing at 9:30 for grades 3 and 4.

Our Fourth Graders are learning music for the Friends of Hanover Music Benefit in January. This is always a great event to participate in and watch all the other Hanover students perform.

Stay tuned for information about the upcoming First Grade Showcase! Warm up your voice and stage skills! Auditions, a rehearsal schedule, and detailed information will be posted by early December!
Thank you for a super year so far!

CENTER/SYLVESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Dustin Lindsey, Music Director

Greetings from Center/Sylvester Elementary!

As we await the arrival of winter, the students at Center/Sylvester are staying busy making wonderful music. We hope you are able to attend one of the many upcoming winter performances that highlight the musical accomplishments of all of our students from Grade 4 through Grade 12!

In Kindergarten, students are being introduced to a beginning folk dance to the song "Bow, Wow, Wow." Through this song, students learn about expressive movement with a partner, and how to find the "home tone" in a song. As we continue throughout the winter season, students will continue to explore many songs related to the weather and holidays that fill up the next two to three months.

First grade musicians are learning the song "Little Wind," which introduces them to music using a minor tonality. They will begin working with Orff instruments, including the xylophone and metalophone. At this point in the year, students will also begin improvising using their voices and our classroom Orff instruments.

In grade two, our students are beginning to take a look at music from around the world. In the coming months, these students will be learning songs and dances from around the world. Many of the songs and dances learned from now until the end of winter will be used during our annual Culture Show in April. Students in second grade are also learning about rhythm syllables, in preparation for a rhythmic improvisation unit.

Students in grade three have finally received their recorders!!! I look forward to working with the students in the coming months to introduce them to a totally new way of approaching instrumental music. There will be a concert to highlight the work they do in class, later in the year.

Our grade four singers have been working hard to prepare their annual winter concert. This year's performance will be held Monday, December 17th at 7pm in the Hanover High School auditorium. I cannot wait for our singers to be able to share all of their hard work with the community. In December, grade four will begin an enrichment unit introducing them to the ukulele.

A little bit of exciting news! As many of you know, Center Elementary has been going through a big construction and renovation project. As the project nears completion, I have been able to tour the updated auditorium and newly built music room. I CANNOT WAIT for our students to have access to the wonderful resources their new "performing arts wing" will have. Hopefully in the months following our winter concert, you will have a chance to tour the rooms during school events!

Thank you all for a wonderful start to the year. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming performances!

Musically, Dustin Lindsey

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC
Michael Wade, Director

As we enter December, students in the choral department are busier than ever! It is truly an exciting time for us -- here are some highlights of what we've been up to, and what's to come in the month ahead.

We had several students audition for the Senior District festival, and are proud to announce that four vocal students were accepted into the Mixed Chorus. Congratulations to **Kyle Knight, Peter Scribner, Jack Thornton, and Fred Trankels!** Additional praise goes to Peter and Jack, who secured All-State audition recommendations through their stellar performances. All four are fantastic musicians, and will represent Hanover proudly in the coming months -- congrats guys!

Coming up next in the realm of performances is this year's school musical -- the wildly fantastic, monster plant turned Faustian tale, *Little Shop of Horrors!* If you were at the Prism Concert in October, you heard Emma Gannon and Fred Trankels give you a sneak peak when they brought down the house singing "Suddenly Seymour". Rehearsals have been in full swing since the beginning of October, and I am pleased to announce that a truly wonderful production is coming to fruition! Show dates are December 13th and 14th at 7pm, and December 15th at 2pm. Tickets will be on sale soon through the FACE office. Don't miss this one!

Are you are hosting a holiday party this year, and are looking for some live entertainment? Want to bring that extra bit of cheer to your home, while also giving your guests something heartwarming to remember? If so, please consider inviting our students to perform carols for you as part of our annual caroling fundraiser! Please e-mail me at mwade@hanoverschools.org if you would like us to sing for you, and we will get you in the books ASAP!

Finally, we will end this month with our annual winter concerts, both to be performed at the high school. Please join us on Wednesday, December 19th at 7pm for the Middle School Winter Chorus Concert, and/or Thursday, December 20th at 7pm for the HS Holiday Concert. As usual, we have repertoire ranging in a wide variety of styles, along with some classic Christmas hits that you know and love. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for all you do to support our students, and our performing arts program. Wishing you a joyous holiday season, a Merry Christmas, and a very happy, fulfilling New Year!

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Matt Harden, Director

As we start the busy holiday season, I want to thank everyone who has made this Fall such a successful one for the Hanover High School band. Although the weather thwarted us a few times, we truly made the best of the "Journey." I am continuously impressed by the character and musicianship in this group, and I can't wait for you to hear their work. I would like to give a special thank you to the seniors and their parents for four wonderful years of marching band.



Special congratulations to the following students who were accepted to the Southeastern District Senior Festival:

Ian MacDonald, Trombone (All-State Recommendation)

Ian Morrison, Trombone

Peter Bell, Composition Contest (Winner)

We are also looking forward to our upcoming trip to Williamsburg April 10-14, 2019. Please make sure you register and submit your deposit as soon as possible!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 1 - 2:15pm

Tree Lighting at John Curtis Free Library

Saturday, December 8

Southeastern District Jr. Auditions - Furnace Brook Middle School, Marshfield

December 13-15

Little Shop of Horrors Performances

Monday, December 17

HHS Jazz Ensemble at the Rotary Club Holiday Party

Thursday, December 20

Annual Holiday Concert featuring Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Chorus, VOX, and a special grand finale with all music students!



Drama & Theater

Friends of Hanover Music & Theater would like to extend a warm welcome to Hanover High School's newest drama teacher, Mr. Collin Fahey. We asked Mr. Fahey to share a bit about his background and what Drama is up to this year:

"To tell you a little bit about myself, I've been doing theater since I was about 10 years old. I went to college at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia for Theater Arts and began teaching/directing about 2 years ago. I was at Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart for the past 2 years. During our submission to the METG's Drama Festival last year, I met Sheila and Meg at the preliminary round here at Hanover. Once I heard of a position opening up here I was extremely interested in being a part of this great school and program. Currently I'm teaching Drama, Honors Drama and Public Speaking, as well as directing "We Are Monsters" and "Little Shop of Horrors" along with the fantastically talented Michael Wade. I will also be directing our submission for Drama Fest this year and running multiple acting-based competitions here at the school. I'm incredibly happy to be a part of the HHS community!"



Fundraising Updates

Yes We Can!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the November 17th can drive at Stop & Shop in Norwell. From 10 am- 3pm members of both the instrumental and choral programs (and their parents) entertained shoppers with live music. The result was a whopping \$844.56 in donations! Great job, everyone!



Once Upon a Mattress

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time for the Friends of Hanover Music and Theater Mattress Sale on September 22nd. The results of that one-day sale were \$2,200, which will fund 11 scholarships for students. It was a beautiful day and the students really enjoyed helping out and bringing the customers in.

Volunteers Wanted

Our biggest fundraiser of the year at Laura's Center for the Arts is fast approaching. We can use all types of volunteers to help set up, clean up, solicit raffle donations, decorate and more.

**To volunteer please email Margaret Knight
at newfoundlake1@verizon.net**

Remember: For your student to be eligible for a scholarship, you must attend at least 1 FHMT meeting and volunteer for at least 2 events.

Students who volunteer can earn community service hours!

The Hanover Performing Arts Company
Proudly presents the **Hanover High School** production of...

THE MUSICAL

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

General Public Ticket Sales Information
Adults \$ 15, Students and Senior Citizens \$ 10
3pm - 7pm Monday - Wednesday, December 10th, 11th, & 12th
In the Hanover High School Cafeteria
Or by contacting: 781-826-3574 or hpac@hanoverschools.org
Remaining tickets for each performance will be sold at the door

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Book and Lyrics by **HOWARD ASHMAN** Music by **ALAN MENKEN**

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith
Originally Produced by the WPA Theater (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)
Originally produced at the Orpheum Theater, New York City by the WPA Theater, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

Thursday, December 13th at 7pm
Friday, December 14th at 7pm
Saturday, December 15th at 2pm
Hanover High School Auditorium
287 Cedar Street, Hanover MA

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Hanover Performing Arts Company

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

FHMT Friends of Hanover Music & Theater

2018 - 2019 Membership sign-up



WHO SHOULD JOIN? ALL parents of students in Hanover Public School Music & Theatre programs - your kids benefit directly!

WHO ELSE SHOULD JOIN? Anyone who supports Music & Theater education at Cedar, Center/Sylvester, HMS and HHS!

DID YOU KNOW?

FHMT awards scholarships to graduating seniors? This year we will AWARD 3, \$500 scholarships to 3 HHS Seniors! 1 to a band student, 1 to a chorus student and 1 to a theater student.

FHMT awards scholarships to students in all grades to pursue music & theater education in the summer AND LESSONS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR? This past year we awarded \$200 each to 7 Hanover kids!

FHMT donates money annually to the MUSIC & THEATER DEPARTMENTS of Cedar, Center/Sylvester, HMS and HHS? This past year we donated \$9000 to the schools, which goes directly to the music programs to pay for equipment, trips, and music events!

FHMT meets with the music instructors and Hanover Public Schools Administration to help with event planning, raise funds, increase music awareness and make music a priority for the Hanover Public Schools? **Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month.**

JOIN US if you care about music & theater in the Hanover Public Schools! e-mail us at: fhmthanover@gmail.com

"Like" The Friends of Hanover Music & Theater Facebook page for updates, photos and videos!

UP COMING EVENTS:

Winter Gala – January 25, 2019

Spring Yard Sale – TBD

FHMT-FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC & THEATRE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-2019: \$25.00/YEAR

NAME OF CHILD: _____ **GRADE AS OF SEPT '18:** _____

SCHOOL: _____

BAND: _____ **CHORUS:** _____ **THEATER** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **INSTRUMENT:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

***EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____ *REQUIRED FOR NEWS AND UPDATES

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO **FHMT** AND MAIL TO: SUZETTE SCOTT, 161 MAIN STREET, HANOVER, MA 02339

AMOUNT: \$ _____

CASH _____

CHECK# _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

ALSO AVAILABLE 

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF
HANOVER MUSIC & THEATER

TUESDAY December 11, 2018

7:00pm

And bring your
friends!

IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM

And as always, thank you for your support!



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